



# Family Tree Next Steps: Using the Incredible FamilySearch Memories App

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It has never been easier to capture our memories, our living family's memories and even those of our ancestors and share them with others. FamilySearch has developed a "application" aka "app" for our smart phones and tablets. This app can take photos and show photos you have uploaded to your Family Tree at FamilySearch.org. It can capture stories and also allow you to review them on your phone. And, it can record audio and show audio recordings you have already made.

## Getting the App

You can get the FamilySearch Memories app by using your device's app "store". On an iPhone, this is called the "App Store" (don't worry, the app is free). On at least some android devices it is called the Google "Play Store". Find the app by searching for "FamilySearch". Your search results should include "familysearch – memories". Tap on "GET" (Figure 1) or "INSTALL" (Figure 2). The first time you access the app, you may be asked if you will allow it to access your photos, camera, and microphone (Figure 3). Click "ACCEPT" in order for the app to be fully functional. Next, you will be asked to sign in with your FamilySearch account. Now you're ready to start using the app.

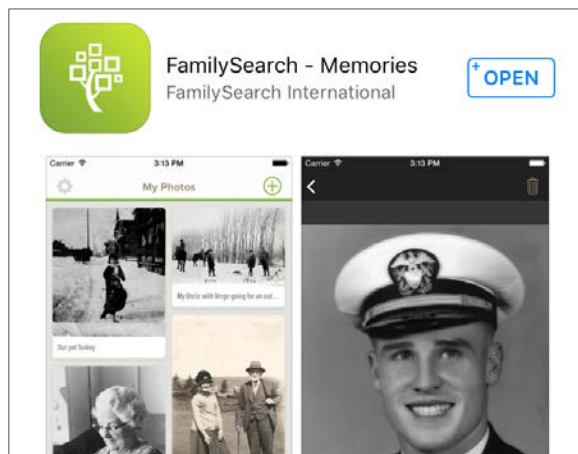


Figure 1 - iPhone FamilySearch search results



Figure 2 - FamilySearch-Memories app in android Google Play Store

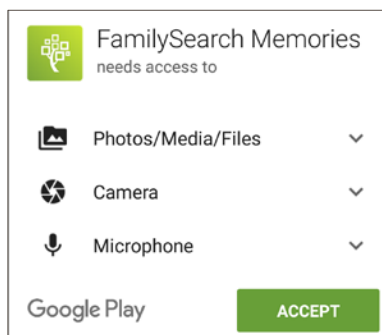
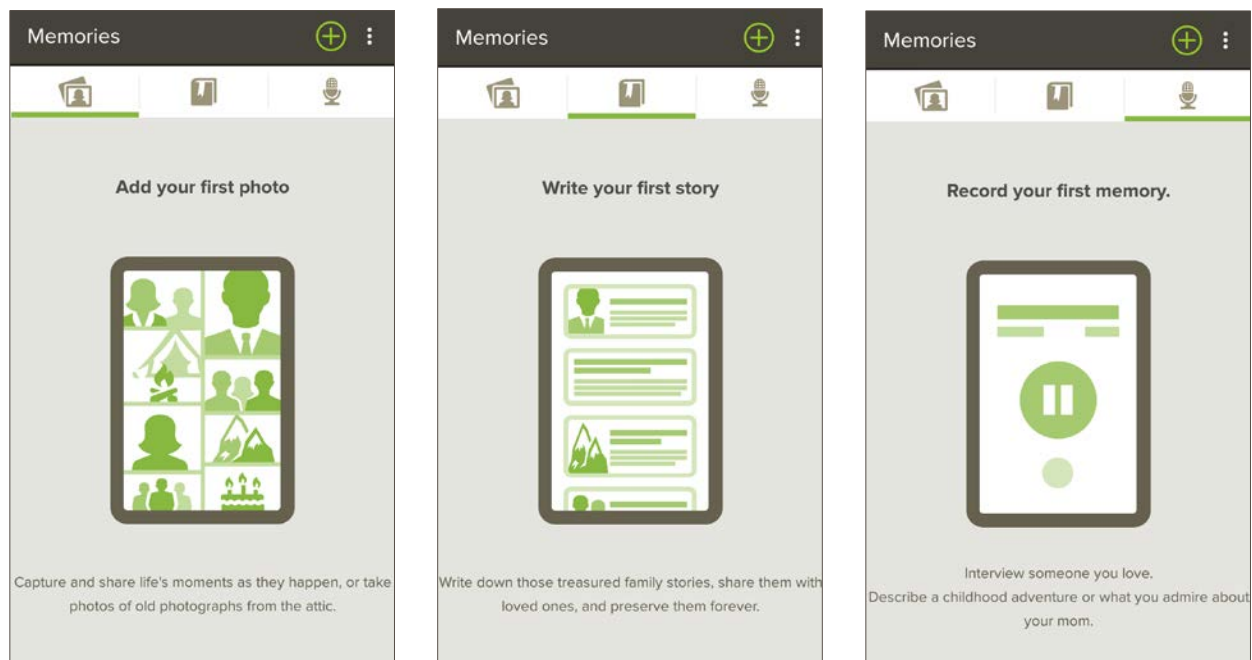


Figure 3 - Access Photos, Camera, Microphone screen

## Using the App

Once you do this, you will find that the app has three main screens: Photos, Stories and Audio. Each has its own screen and will invite you to submit a photo, story or audio if you have not done this before.

To add a photo, story or audio, click on the “+” (plus) sign with the circle around it on the screen (Figures 4, 5, 6).



*Figures 4, 5 6 - Examples of the three main FamilySearch – Memories app screens on an android phone*

## Upload Guideline and Submission Agreement

There is one more first-time thing you have to do and that is agree to the “Upload Guidelines and Submission Agreement”. Primarily, you are agreeing that 1) you will upload only material appropriate for all ages, 2) every photo will be viewed and screened before it is published, 3) all added photos are public and that personal content should be your own (Figure 7).

You are also informed of the following “Principles for Photos” which are:

FamilySearch Photos should allow individuals to share photos of ancestors that help the family come to know and love one another. The following overall principles should apply to photos:

1. Appropriate. Photos should support appropriate standards of modesty and virtue.
2. Relevant. They should support a family history purpose.
3. Heart-turning. They should support individuals coming to know and love their ancestors.
4. Noncommercial. They should not advertise or promote products. They should not infringe on intellectual property rights.

### Photo Screening Policy Guidelines

1. No nudity or immodesty. Clothing should be zipped and buttoned properly.

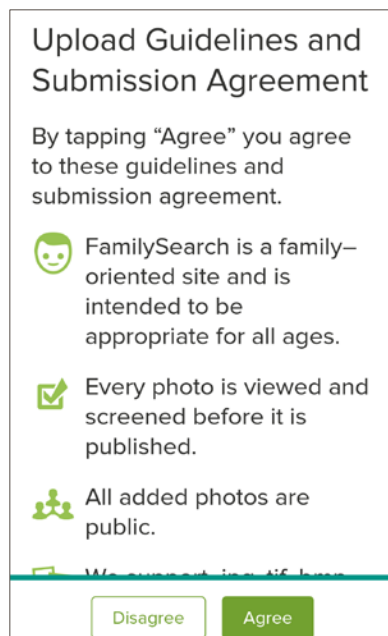


Figure 7 - Upload Guidelines and Submission Agreement screen

2. No sacred or other religious clothing is allowed if it is displayed in a way that desecrates an associated religious belief.
3. No cross-dressing.
4. No body shots without a head or face.
5. No product or website endorsements. Logos and wording on clothing or on billboards, trucks, etc. will be evaluated individually.
6. No profanity.
7. No images of illegal acts, products, or services. This includes drugs.
8. No vulgarity or vulgar gestures.
9. No expressions of hatred or discrimination.
10. No images of violence and mutilation. War, hunting, and fishing photos will be evaluated individually. Photos with piercings and tattoos will be evaluated individually.
11. No promotions of racism.
12. No promotions of current productions, causes, or charities.
13. No commercial photos. The only exceptions are: you have legal rights to the photo, the copyright has expired.
14. Photos edited in such a way as to make them inaccurate, false, or misleading are not allowed.

## Photos

The photos function in the app allows you to either take a photo with your phone or tablet's camera or select a photo from your photo gallery (Figure 8). This function is great for living relatives.

It might also be used in a pinch when you have access to a family photograph not in your possession and you have no way to copy it. Take a picture of it. It may not be a great replica depending on lighting and other factors but it is one way to save a picture in a pinch.

Photos cannot be more than 15 megabytes though this should not be a problem if you use your phone or tablet.

## Stories

To add a story, tap on the Story function in the app. If you have added stories to your Family Tree in the past through the app or the computer, you will see these listed. If not, click on the “+” (plus) sign to begin.

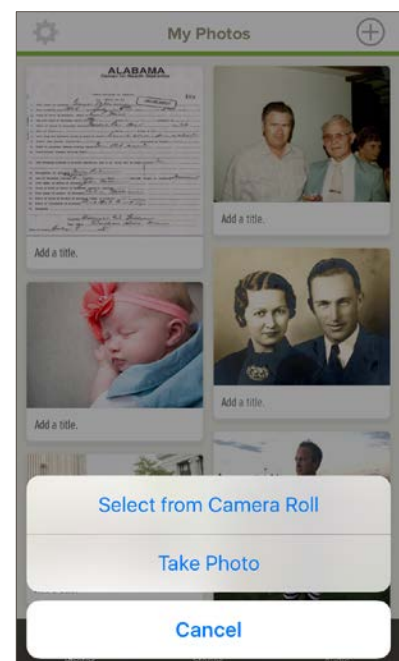


Figure 8 - Adding a photo

You then have the options of giving a story a title, attach or take a picture related to the story, and then recording the story (Figure 9).

You can record the story by typing it, although this could get incredibly tedious. Your device should have a microphone somewhere on the keyboard. If you speak slowly and clearly, your story will be “typed” out by the app. It may not capture every word perfectly but you can always edit it later. This does not preserve the memory of your voice. For that, use the Audio function.

## Audio

To record a story, tap on the microphone. If you have recorded previous stories or added audio using your computer to FamilySearch.org, these will be listed here. If so, use the “+” (plus) sign with the circle around it on the screen. An image of a microphone will appear with a timer at “00:00” (Figure 10). Tapping on the microphone will start the audio recording process.

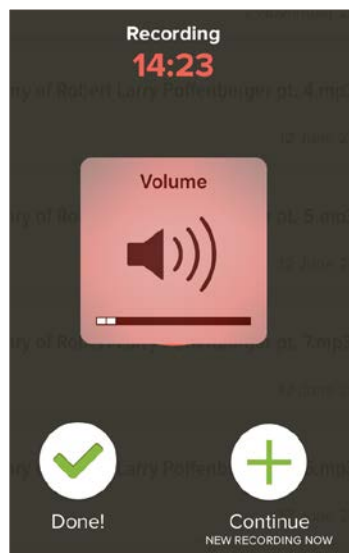


Figure 11 - Long recordings screen



Figure 10 - Starting an audio recording

It is suggested that you keep recordings under 5 minutes (10 maximum) so that they are easier to listen to. If the recording gets to the 14-minute mark, you will be asked if you want to keep recording (Figure 11). If yes, tap on the “+” (plus) sign. You will then be asked to name the first recording before proceeding with the continuation.

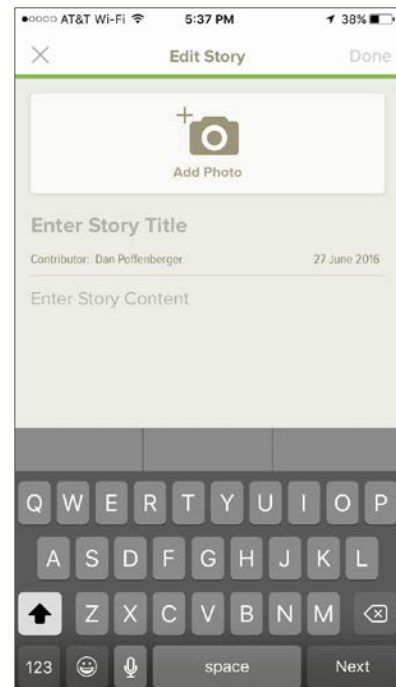


Figure 9 - Adding a story using the FamilySearch - Memories app

## Additional Information

Blog article on the app: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-memories-app/>

Learning Center training on the app:

<http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/Community/en/FamilyTreeCurriculum/index.html>